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- The churches in Asia, Aquila and Priscilla, Paul's companions, and Paul himself send personal greetings, including an affirmation of love for all of them.

Given the strained relationship between Paul and the church in Corinth, how do you feel about the way this letter end? Which item or items stand out to you?

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